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SUBJECT: "LASH ESPANA"

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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR BUFFUM

1. WE ARE DISTURBED BY GREEK DELAY IN DEPARTURE OF "LASH ESPANA" AS WELL AS REMOVAL OF CARGO FROM THAT VESSEL. AGREE THAT THE TWO ELEMENTS OF CARGO AND VESSEL CAN BE TREATED SEPARATELY IN ORDER OBTAIN EARLY RELEASE OF VESSEL, DELAY OF WHICH CAUSING SERIOUS LOSSES TO OWNERS.

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CONCERN AT DELAY REITERATED IN JULY 25 TELEGRAM FROM

PRUDENTIAL-GRACE PRESIDENT SKOUROS TO SECRETARY.

2. YOU SHOULD APPROACH THE GOG AT A SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL AND INSIST UPON THE RELEASE OF THE "LASH ESPANA." AT THE SAME TIME, YOU SHOULD AGAIN RENEW YOUR REQUEST THAT THE CARGO WHICH WAS REMOVED BY THE GREEKS BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU GIVE THE GREEK GOVERNMENT A COMMITMENT AS TO WHAT WE WILL DO WITH CARGO. YOU MAY ALSO ADD THAT THE US TAKES A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF THIS MATTER.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CARGO CONSIGNED TO GOT HAD BEEN SOLD BY USG UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT. STANDARD FMS CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR TRANSFER OF TITLE AT INITIAL POINT OF SHIPMENT. ACCORDINGLY, CARGO IS PROPERTY OF GOT AND EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID IMPLICATION OF US OWNERSHIP. THE POINT TO BE MADE IS THAT A US VESSEL HAS BEEN DELAYED AND THAT LAWFUL CARGO ON BOARD WAS SEIZED. INGERSOLL

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